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## Spotlight

**Name:** Lt. Cmdr. Brendan Montoya

**Branch:** U.S. Navy

**Hometown:** San Diego, California

**Home unit:** Naval Operational  
Support Center, San Diego

**Military job:** Civil Engineer  
Corps Officer (Naval Construction)

**Task force job:** Chief Engineer Planner

As the chief engineer planner, Lt. Cmdr.. Brendan Montoya is in charge of the facilities engineering for service members coming to the National Capital Region from all over the country to serve as part of the task force. Since arriving in April, Montoya has prepared three different buildings for task force personnel and overseen construction on task force office space.

Montoya saw the inauguration posting in an email about reservist assignments and decided to throw his hat into the ring. He said working at a joint force headquarters is fantastic. But traffic in the National Capital Region? Not so much.

"The traffic is insane," he said. But, he added, opportunity to serve with a joint force headquarters is worth the inconvenience. "There's really nothing like it. To come into an environment where you have all the services, I've had to really rely on all my Navy experience and all my civilian experience to be able to work with people. Everyone here is really motivated to get the job done and learn about the different services," he said.

During his time in the National Capital Region, Montoya has taken tours of the White House and the Pentagon, and he said he intends to make it out onto the Potomac River for stand-up paddle boarding.

"I think whatever your specialty or career field is, strive to be as much of an expert as you possibly can," he said. "But also get familiar with other organizations – not just military, but civilian."

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